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RAJYA SABHA

**Railway Projects in Rajasthan**

1494. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Railway projects have been submitted by the Rajasthan Government during the last three years; if so, the estimated cost thereof, year-wise;

(b) what action Government have taken on each of these projects;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out for these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of Railway proposals received from the Government of Rajasthan pertaining to New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling in the last 3 years and action taken thereon is given below. It may be mentioned that on account of a very large shelf of uncompleted sanctioned projects and a scarcity of resources, it is not possible to lay a time frame for completion of works.

s. No	Proposal	Proposal Received in (Year)	Estimated Cost of the Proposal/ full line as surveyed (Rs. in Crs.)	Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Kolayat-Nagore- Phalodi: New Line	1998-99, 1999-2000	128.30	Survey has been completed, Proposal has been processed for clearance.

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Linking Bhiwadi  with Delhi- Ahmedabad Broad Gauge line	1998-99	Not  Available	It has been decided that the  construction of this line will be taken up under Public-Private- Partnership under Rajasthan Government's coordination as Railways are unable to undertake this line in view of its financial unremunerativeness and the constraints of funds facing the Railways.
3.	Linking of  Dholpur to Gangapur City	1998-99, 1999-2000	153.445	The survey for Gauge Conversion of Dholpur- Sirmuttra with extension to Gangapur City has been completed. The project is financially not viable with a negative rate of return. It has not been considered feasible to take up the project for the present.
4.	Rewari-Ringus- Phulera: Gauge Conversion	1998-99, 1999-2000	645.82	A survey for Gauge Conversion of Phulera-Ringus-Rewari, Ajmer-Phulera-Jaipur, Jaipur- Ringus, Sikar-Loharu and Sikar-Churu sections has been completed. Scrutiny of the survey report has been taken up.
5.	Degana- Ratangarh- Churu- Rewari: Gauge Conversion	1998-99, 1999-2000	542.65	Survey for Gauge Conversion of Hisar-Sadulpur-Ratangarh- Bikaner, Rewari-Sadulpur and Ratangarh-Degana has already been completed. Work on Gauge Conversion of Rewari- Sadulpur, including Hisar- Sadulpur has been included in the Budget.

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Dungarpur-  Nimbahara- Banswara to-Rat lam: New Line	1998-99	Not  Available	Survey for Ratlam-Dungarpur  has been taken up. Extension to Nimbahara will be considered once Ratlam-Dungarpur line comes up depending on traffic projections and availability of resources.
7.	Sriganganagar- Hanumangarh- Rajgarh: Gauge Conversion	1999-2000	Not  Available	Due to heavy throw-forward of ongoing works and constraints of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider the proposal for the present.
8.	Bikaner- Ratangarh- Churu-Rajgarh: Gauge Conversion	1999-2000	542.66	Survey for Gauge Conversion of Hisar-Sadulpur-Ratangarh-Bikaner, Rewari-Sadulpur and Ratangarh-Degana has already been completed. Work on Gauge Conversion of Rewari-Sadulpur, including Hisar-Sadulpur has been included in the Budget.
9.	Churu-Sikar- Ringus-Jaipur: Gauge Conversion	1999-2000	645.82	A survey for Gauge Conversion of Phulera-Ringus-Rewari, Ajmer-Phulera-Jaipur, Jaipur-Ringus, Sikar-Loharu and Sikar-Churu sections has been completed. Scrutiny of the survey report has been taken up.
10.	Sikar-  Jhunjhunu- Loharu: Gauge Conversion	1999-2000	645.82	A survey for Gauge Conversion of Phulera-Ringus-Rewari, Ajmer-Phulera-Jaipur, Jaipur-Ringus, Sikar-Loharu and Sikar-Churu sections has been completed. Scrutiny of the survey report has been taken up.

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11.	Udaipur-Himmatnagar-Ahmedabad: Gauge Conversion	1999-2000	Not Available	Survey has been taken up.
12.	Ramgarh-Barmer-Jaisalmer: New Line	1999-2000	Not Available	Due to heavy throw-forward of ongoing works and constraints of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider the proposal for the present.
13.	Pushkar-Merta Road: New Line	1999-2000	208.54	Survey for Ajmer-Pushkar-Merta Road new line has been completed. Work on Ajmer-Pushkar has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 67 crores.
14.	Khajuwala-Anoopgarh: New Line	1999-2000	Not Available	Due to heavy throw-forward of ongoing works and constraints of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider the proposal for the present.
15.	Samkhyali-Palanpur: Gauge Conversion	1999-2000	370.74	This is a sanctioned project and will be completed in the coming years, depending on availability of resources.
16.	Dungarpur-Banswara-Ratlam: New Line	1999-2000	Not Available	Survey has been taken up.

(c) No, Sir.

(d). Does not arise.